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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): Heat shrink tool holder for being inserted into a machine spindle and for holding a tool shank or machine part, the heat shrink tool holder comprising a body having an axial bore, and a sleeve fitting in the axial bore of the body, the sleeve having a second bore to fit onto and contact the tool shank or part, the second bore being generally cylindrical, wherein the sleeve is a reducing sleeve that transfers a holding action exerted by the body in its cold state to the tool shank or part.

Claim 7 (previously presented): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the sleeve is made of ceramic.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the sleeve takes the form of an interchangeable reducing sleeve.

Claim 9 (previously presented): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the sleeve is fixed to the holder.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the body has a greater coefficient of thermal expansion than the sleeve.

Claim 11 (previously presented): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the body has the same coefficient of thermal expansion as the tool shank or part.

Claim 12 (new): Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the axial bore of the body is generally cylindrical.